Failure of Steel Plants to Achieve Production Targets

488. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Government-owned steel plants have failed to achieve their production target;

(b) if so, the details of performance of each steel plant during the last three years;

(c) whether Government propose to go in for modernisation of the majority of the steel plants to increase the production capacity of the plants;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) Saleable steel targets and actual production performance from 1998-99 to 2000-2001 in respect of public sector steel plants is as under:

Unit' MT

Plant	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Annual Target	Actual (upto Jan.'01)
BSP	3.615	3.352	3.270	3.411	3.500	2.774
DSP	1.588	1.319	1.532	1.402	1.520	1.228
RSP	1.390	1.114	1.238	1.170	1.490	1.066
BSL	3.062	2.541	3.210	3.246	3.430	2.757
ASP	0.145	0.099	0.070	0.083	0.090	0.065
SSP	0.225	0.119	0.120	0.148	0.120	0.107
VISL	0.072	0.057	0.060	0.069	0.065	0.069
IISCO	0.327	0.285	0.242	0.250	0.305	0.228
VSP	2.580	1.933	2.305	2.382	2.217	2.400*

*anticipated for the year

(c) to (e) Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has recently modernised majority of its integrated Steel plants, namely Durgapur Steel Plant, Rourkela Steel Plant and Bokaro Steel Plant.

Visakhapatnam Steel Plant of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL) is a modern Steel plant in the public sector and hence there is no immediate plan for its modernisation.